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APRIL 30 IS CLOSING DATE

C. V. Hemphill, acting chairman of the State AAA Committee, reminded New Mexico farmers this week that April 30 is the closing date for signing applications for payments for 1943 AAA practices.

Sixten thousand, four hundred and eighty-two applications had been received in the state office by April 15. This figure represents 94 per cent of the estimated total for the state. Sixteen thousand and twenty applications--or 91 percent of the state total--have been approved.

GLOVER JUMPS FOR EXPERIENCE

S/Sgt. Floyd Glover, former forest guard of Socorro, now a member of a Fifth Army parachute infantry unit, is one soldier who didn't join the paratroops "just for the hell of it." He expects to use the experience when he returns to civilian life.

"When I told Supervisor Fred Arthur, of the Cibola National Forest, that I was going to join the army, he said "Swell. Join the paratroops. We're goint to need men with parachute jumping experience in the forest service, and we'll take all the parachute troops you can bring back with you."

Paratrooper Glover, one of the original members of his unit, saw action in the Sicilian campaign before going to the Italian front.

"The Sicilian campaign was just a maneuver compared to this one," he said.

FARM LOAN ASSOCIATIONS MAY MERGE

Following a recommendation by the stockholders of the Mesilla National Farm Loan Association, the consolidation of three farm loan associations covering seven southern New Mexico Counties will be effected if the plan meets with the approval of the Otero County and Gila National associations.

The counties involved are Otero, Dona Ana, Sierra, Luna, Hidalgo, Grant, and Catron.

"If the plan meets with the approval of the neighboring associations, Las Cruces will be headquarters of the new orginization," W. P. Thorpe, secretary and treasurer of the local group, said. "C. G. Shull, president of the Federal Land Bank of Wichita, estimates that the merger will save $157,000 a year in operating expense,"

COMMITTEE SEEKS GOOD RAMS

An appeal to sheepmen of the Southwest to consign their best rams to the seventh annual New Mexico ram sale was made this week by Ivan Watson, manager of the sale.

The committee supervising the sale, which will be held at the state fair grounds in Albuquerque August 12. is seeking rams with the following characteristics; a good open face, a strong masculine head, a smooth body (free from wrinkles), a wool staple of three inches or more and of 12 months' growth, and plenty of frame and bone.

MORE TRUCK PARTS

Farmers may benefit from the recent WPB order providing for an increase in the output of truck and bus replacement parts. Producers have been authorized to make a limited cut in military production to meet the growing civilian shortage of automotive parts.

TRIVIZ ASKS FOR COOPERATION

A bottleneck in farm labor operations that could make the present labor emergency far more serious than it already is was cited today by A. E. Triviz, State Supervisor of the emergency farm labor program, who is asking farmers and farm workers to cooperate fully with their county extension agents.

"In spite of shortages that we know exist, many farmers are not reporting their labor needs to the county agents," Mr. Triviz said. "The county agent's office is a farm placement center, where requests for labor and applications for farm work

are received. If the labor program doesn't work in the counties, we haven't a chance in the state office."

CANADIAN RIVER DISTRICT ELECTS NEW SUPERVISORS

Three new members have been elected to the board of supervisors of the Canadian River Soil Conservation District in Quay County, according to Ira Parker, election superintendent.

The newly-elected supervisors are Morris Lewalling of Norton, Don Fleming of Logan, and A. F. Flint of Bard. These men, along with A. E. Roberts of San Jon and J. C. Bradley of Quay, will direct soil conservation operations in the district during the next year.

2,550 USE REA-FINANCED POWER

More than 5,000 New Mexico farmers have secured electric service since the Rural Electrification Administration entered the state nine years ago.

At present New Mexico has five REA-financed power systems, which operate 1,250 miles of power line serving 2,550 consumers. By January 31 of this year, REA had advanced $1,225,799 in loan funds to the five borrowing groups.

TRUCK GROWERS MUST CONTRACT WITH CERTIFIED PROCESSORS

_____County truck growers who sell to canning factories must contract with certified processors in order to be assured of the support price, according to _____, chairman of the County AAA Committee.

Forms for application for certification are already in the county office, Mr._____said. The final date for filing applications for certification for snap beans is July 1, for tomatoes August 15.

YOU'LL GET BETTER RETREADS

Grades A and C synthetic rubber camelback may now be used without restriction for retreading tires, according to the Office of the Rubber Director. These grades are superior to grade F, the only type available for unrestricted use during recent months.

4-H CLUBS HONOR ALBUQUERQUE BUSINESS MEN

Five Albuquerque business men were initiated into the Bernalillo County 4-H Clubs at a get-together party last weekend. The honorary initiates are Oscar Love, O. E. Beck, Joe Ruvolo, R. E. Curren, and John Murphy.

The booming Bernalillo County clubs now have over 700 members--a testimony to the ability and interest of the local leaders.

ODT PLANS ASSISTANCE FOR FARMERS

Acting in an effort to ease transportation difficulties, the Office of Defense Transportation has announced procedures for the appointment of transportation advisory committees in the 142 ODT districts.

The committees will develop plans for the movement of perishables or seasonal farm products whenever motor transport facilities prove inadequate. They will also work closely with producers, haulers, dealers, and receivers.

LAND BANKS DECLARE POLICY

In an effort to lessen the danger of land inflation, federal land banks are holding strictly to their policy of lending on the basis of the normal agricultural value of land, according to C. G. Shull, president of the Federal Land Bank of Wichita.

"This policy, a protection to the purchaser and lender, helps maintain sound land values and is a guard against inflation," Mr. Shull said. "The man who finances his farm purchase with mortgage credit safeguards himself if he buys close to the normal agricultural value of the land."